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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 6/11/2010.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,2,4-6,21,22,24-28 and 30-33.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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/UN C. CHO/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2617

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ricardo Ochoa (Reg. No. 61,545) on 8/25/2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 has been replaced with the amended claim shown below.

1. **(Currently Amended)** A method, comprising:

receiving a signaling message in a functional entity for subscriber mobility management in a mobile communication system;

receiving a trace command, the trace command identifying at least one subscriber whose signaling messages are to be traced and identifying a tracer to which information obtained during tracing is sent;

receiving a start message of a dialogue;

in response to receiving the start message, determining whether the dialogue is related to the subscriber to be traced; and

in response to determining that the dialogue is related to the subscriber to be traced, adding the dialogue to a list of traced dialogues,

where determining that the signaling message is related to the at least one subscriber comprises: determining whether the signaling message belongs to a traced dialogue on the list of traced dialogues; and

in response to determining that the signaling message is related to the at least one subscriber, sending, from the functional entity to the tracer, a copy of the signaling message, wherein the copy of the signaling message sent to the tracer is identical to the received signaling message.

Claim 3 has been cancelled.

Claim 4, line 1: "The method according to claim 3," has been replaced with --The method according to claim 1,--.

Claim 21 has been replaced with the amended claim shown below.

21. **(Currently Amended)** An apparatus, comprising at least one processor; and at least one memory including computer program code, the at least one memory and the computer program code configured to, with the at least one processor, cause the apparatus to perform at least the following:

to receive a trace command, the trace command identifying at least one subscriber whose signaling messages are to be traced and identifying a tracer to which information obtained during tracing is sent;

to receive a signaling message;

to receive a start message of a dialogue;

in response to receiving the start message, to determine whether the dialogue is related to the subscriber to be traced; and

in response to determining that the dialogue is related to the subscriber to be traced, to add the dialogue to a list of traced dialogues,

where, when determining that the signaling message is related to the at least one subscriber, the at least one memory and the computer program code are further configured to cause the apparatus to determine whether the signaling message belongs to a traced dialogue on the list of traced dialogues; and

in response to determining that the signaling message is related to the at least one subscriber, to send, from the functional entity to the tracer, a copy of the signaling message, wherein the copy of the signaling message sent to the tracer is identical to the received signaling message.

Claim 23 has been cancelled.

Claim 24, line 1: "The method according to claim 23," has been replaced with --
The method according to claim 21,--.

Claim 27 has been replaced with the amended claim shown below.

27. (Currently Amended) A non-transitory computer readable medium tangibly encoded with a computer program executable by a processor to perform actions comprising:

receiving a trace command, the trace command identifying at least one subscriber whose signaling messages are to be traced and identifying a tracer to which information obtained during tracing is sent;

receiving a signaling message;

receiving a start message of a dialogue;

in response to receiving the start message, determining whether the dialogue is related to the subscriber to be traced; and

in response to determining that the dialogue is related to the subscriber to be traced, adding the dialogue to a list of traced dialogues,

where determining that the signaling message is related to the at least one subscriber comprises: determining whether the signaling message belongs to a traced dialogue on the list of traced dialogues; and

in response to determining that the signaling message is related to the at least one subscriber, sending, from the functional entity to the tracer, a copy of the signaling message, wherein the copy of the signaling message sent to the tracer is identical to the received signaling message.

Claim 29 has been cancelled.

Claim 30, line 1: "The computer readable medium according to claim 29," has been replaced with --The non-transitory computer readable medium according to claim 27,--.

Claims 31 and 32 line 1: "The computer readable medium according to claim 27," has been replaced with --The non-transitory computer readable medium according to claim 27,--.

Claim 33 has been replaced with the amended claim shown below.

33. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising: means for receiving a trace command, the trace command identifying at least one subscriber whose signaling

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messages are to be traced and identifying a tracer to which information obtained during tracing is sent;

means for receiving a signaling message in a functional entity for subscriber mobility management in a mobile communication system;

means for receiving a start message of a dialogue;

means for determining whether the dialogue is related to the subscriber to be traced in response to receiving the start message;

means for adding the dialogue to a list of traced dialogues in response to determining that the dialogue is related to the subscriber to be traced; and

means for determining that the signaling message is related to the at least one subscriber, which comprise: means for determining whether the signaling message belongs to a traced dialogue on the list of traced dialogues; and

means for sending, from the functional entity to the tracer, a copy of the signaling message in response to determining that the signaling message is related to the at least one subscriber, wherein the copy of the signaling message sent to the tracer is identical to the received signaling message.

Claim 34 has been cancelled.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1, 2, 4 – 6, 21, 22, 24 – 28, 30 – 33 are allowed.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Applicant's invention is drawn to tracing of signaling messages related to a subscriber in a mobile communication system, and particularly to tracing signaling messages of a specific subscriber.

Applicant's independent claim 1 recites, *inter alia*, a method of tracing the subscriber whose messages are to be monitored with a structure as defined in the specification (pages 7 – 13) including receiving a start message of a dialogue; in response to receiving the start message, determining whether the dialogue is related to the subscriber to be traced; and in response to determining that the dialogue is related to the subscriber to be traced, adding the dialogue to a list of traced dialogues, where determining that the signaling message is related to the at least one subscriber comprises: determining whether the signaling message belongs to a traced dialogue on the list of traced dialogues; and in response to determining that the signaling message is related to the at least one subscriber, sending, from the functional entity to the tracer, a copy of the signaling message, wherein the copy of the signaling message sent to the tracer is identical to the received signaling message. Applicant's independent claims 1, 21, 27 and 33 comprise a particular combination of elements, which is neither taught nor suggested by the prior art.

Accordingly, applicant's claims are allowed for these reasons and for the reasons recited by applicant in the amendment filed on 6/11/2010.

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